

COMMUNITY NEWS

NF TOWN FAIR *Continued from front page*

local businesses, groups, Town Boards and Committees at the Town Fair. Representatives will be on hand at each stop to provide information for, and speak with, community members. Throughout the day there will be giveaways, crafts available to complete, and games to try. Parks & Recreation Director Linda Lull is excited, "Fair Day is a great way for our community to come together, have fun, and experience what our local organizations and businesses have to offer."

Music is a major highlight of the afternoon and this year will be no exception with What It Is, a horn-centered funk band that features a robust rhythm section including trumpets, trombones, saxophones, and two lead vocalists performing throughout the day.

Perhaps the cutest of the offerings will be at the Town Fair with Kritter Pet Kreations, who will have a wonderful variety of animals on display. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about their care, handling, and natural habitat. Families can also interact with and pet the goats from Got Your Goat.

In fact, entertainment for all ages will be there for the taking throughout the afternoon with Time To Party, who will throw a Foam Party, offer an Inflatable Axe Throw, and facilitate games. Plus, Candlewood Axe Throw and a Gaga pit will be onsite. In addition, "Children will be sure to get a thrill from the New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department's Fire Truck display!," Lull pointed out, an annual favorite at this event.

Vendors of many types (think: candles, soaps, etc.) will be at the Town Fair, including those that offer delicious fare. Be sure to come hungry and enjoy food and beverages from Taco Road Trip, Candlewood DAWGS, Cilantro Latin Food, Jesse's Ice Cream, and Twins BBQ Mobile Taproom.

Parks & Recreation sustains itself through its program offerings and is not part of the tax structure of the Town. Free events, such as outdoor concerts, the annual boat and light parade, and this Town Fair, are funded by programming. Parks & Recreation is also grateful for this year's Town Fair sponsors: Union Savings Bank, World Champion Taekwondo, and the New Fairfield Democratic Town Committee.

Parks & Recreation Director Linda Lull says, "We are hoping for nice weather. Bring your family and friends – we look forward to seeing everyone at the Fair!" Indeed, nice weather is the hope for Saturday, September 26, 12:00-4:30pm. If that does not turn out to be the case, a rain date is set for Sunday, September 27, with the same timing.

NF PRESCHOOL

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space as part of an early childhood workshop.

NFHS Family and Consumer Science Teacher Jen Jurgensen has happily run the program since 2010, taking over at Peg Barrows's retirement after remarkably running the preschool for over three decades. Jurgensen says that her favorite parts of running the preschool include watching the toddlers learn and grow and the teens interact with them. Of the tots, she says, "We get to see their personalities shine and watch as they make friends and get used to school." With the way the academic years fly, she said, "I also love knowing that, in the not too distant future, they will be in high school!! In fact, I have had about 10 of my former preschoolers who have become preschool teachers in our preschool and have also had a fair number of former students' kids

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As for the teens, who would have previously taken child development courses with Jurgensen, she says, "I love how some of the high school kids are just so natural at being a teacher. I know that they will be a wonderful addition to any school in their future! The preschoolers just adore the high school kids and think they are the coolest, so that is fun to see. I love when high school kids who weren't so sure they wanted to work with kids in the future say, 'Now I know what I want to do when I graduate because of this class'."

Little Rebels Preschool operates on an abbreviated schedule, following the school's patterns, and works well for families who have flexibility in their schedules. Though this year is full, they are already taking information in for families who are interested in joining the program next year. The preschool is open to any New Fairfield resident whose child is three years old by October 1 and is potty trained. The high school students plan and implement interactive lessons for the preschoolers under Jurgensen's direction. She noted that "we are not an accredited preschool. Our preschool meets two to three days a week depending on the schedule at the high school. On some days, we meet from 9:30 to 11:45 and then others we meet from 9:00-12:00" following the high school's block cadence. The

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CHAMPIONS! After another long hard season here in Connecticut, Austin (Son) and Pete (Father) were able to come out as champions in their own classes. A very special bond shared through a mutual passion. "It's crazy that a bicycle can have such an impact on our lives. From traveling all over the country, to racing at the 4 tracks here in Connecticut. It's always a memorable adventure!" The seasons not over yet for the Balottis! They're headed to Maryland in October, for their last shot at national points for their trip back out to Tulsa Oklahoma for Thanksgiving, where they will compete in the grand national championship. - Pete Balotti

Photo courtesy of Pete Balotti

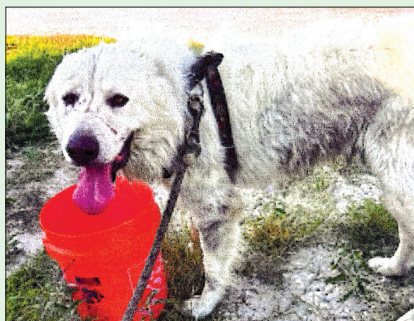
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program runs October to mid-January with a break as NFHS students transition into the next semester. "We then start again in mid-February and continue through the end of May/early June (depending on snow days)," Jurgensen explained. A great bargain, there is currently only a \$100 registration fee for the preschool, however they do ask for donations of snacks, party items, and other supplies throughout the year. If interested, please email jurgensen.jennifer@newfairfieldschools.org.



**New Fairfield/Sherman
Animal Welfare**
"Saving Lives. One Transport at a Time."

Ody's Story is Just Beginning



Ody, short for Odysseus, is a Great Pyrenees who has already been on one hell of a journey.

His former owner would tie him to the back of his truck and drive around town, calling it "exercise." Ody struggled to keep up until his legs began giving out. His enormous coat became so

severely matted that it actually protected his skin from the road.

People saw what was happening. I heard about Ody and knew NFSAW had to pull him. Our friends at BAM (Border Animal Mission) are now flying this gentle giant to Connecticut and a new life.

And here's the part we love: Ody is currently in foster with other dogs and is completely dog friendly. Despite everything, he is a sweet, gentle boy who is discovering what it feels like to be safe.

He'll arrive September 28, ready for the next chapter.

Neutered, vaccinated, microchipped, heartworm negative—and finally, his life is his own.

**We can't change what happened to Ody.
But we can change what happens next.**

Supplies needed: Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Kitten Wet and Dry Food, Puppy Wet and Dry Food, 50 Gal Garbage Bags

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NEW FAIRFIELD PARKS & RECREATION TOWN FAIR



Saturday, September 26th (Rain date 9/27)

12-4:30PM | On Memorial Field (behind Town Hall)



A FUN-FILLED DAY FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY!

The What It Is Band performing throughout the day.



**Local Businesses & Organizations offering
FREE giveaways, crafts, games, and more!**



★ **Kritter Pet Kreations
& Got Your Goats**



★ **Time To Party Foam Party,
Inflatable Axe Throw, & Games**



★ **GAGA Pit**

Food and Beverages:

- * Twins BBQ Mobile Taproom
- * Taco Road Trip
- * Candlewood DAWGS
- * Cilantro Latin Food Truck
- * Jessie's Ice Cream

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